



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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September 13, 2006

Ms. Melinda Hatton, Treasurer  
American Hospital Association PAC  
325 Seventh Street NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20004

**Response Due Date:**  
**October 16, 2006**

Identification Number: C00106146

Reference: August Monthly Report (7/1/06-7/31/06)

Dear Ms. Hatton:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule B discloses an expenditure(s) for "Polling, portion in-kind to Shays. See 1." If the remaining portion(s) of these expenditures were for public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) and voter drive activity (under 11 CFR §106.6(b)(2)(i)) containing express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, this would constitute an in-kind contribution or an independent expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B or E supporting Line 23 or 24 as appropriate. Public communications and voter drive activity that refer to a clearly identified Federal candidate, but that do not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that candidate should be reported on Schedule B for Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify whether this activity contained express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

-Schedule B of your report discloses an in-kind contribution(s) designated for the general election, but made before the primary election (pertinent portion(s) attached). In-kind contributions of equipment, such as computers, with a long-term useful life (e.g., an election cycle, or perhaps longer) are similar to contributions of money and may be designated for elections beyond the next election, provided the contributor designates the

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contribution as such in writing. A contribution of this type of equipment is distinguishable from in-kind contributions that are used only for one particular election, such as non-exempt contributions of food or beverages consumed by primary election day workers, or printing or mailing costs related to general election events or fundraisers. Please amend your report to include a description of the nature of the in-kind contribution(s) in question. If the in-kind contribution(s) on your report does not have a "long-term useful life", it may constitute an excessive contribution(s) for the primary election (see Advisory Opinion 1996-29).

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have made an excessive contribution, you must request a refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be reported on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the Detailed Summary Page of the report covering the period in which they are received. Redesignations should be reported as memo entries on Schedule B of the report covering the period in which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.2(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal steps, prompt action by your committee to refund or seek redesignation of the excessive amount will be considered.

**Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather

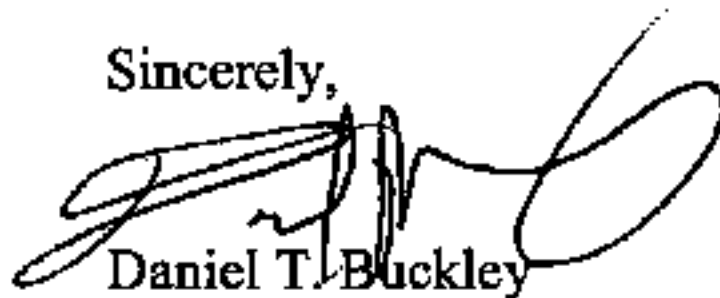
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than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1141.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel T. Buckley", is written over the printed name.

Daniel T. Buckley  
Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Election State - Date
Christopher Shays For Congress Committee	07/20/2006	\$4,988.00	G2006	CT - 08/08/2006

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